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Dear Mr. Naventi:

**CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – OFFICE OF SAFETY REGULATION (OSR)
COMMENTS ON RESPONSE TO INSPECTION FOLLOW-UP ITEM REVIEW INSPECTION
REPORT IR-00-006**

- References:
- (1) CHG letter (CNN 018701C) to W. J. Taylor, ORP, from J. O. Honeyman, CHG, "Contract Number DE-AC27-99RL14047; Inspection Report IR-00-006, Inspection of Follow-up Item Review," dated February 28, 2001.
 - (2) DOE letter 01-OSR-0029 to M. P. DeLozier, CHG, from W. T. Taylor, "Inspection Report IR-00-006, Inspection Follow-up Item Review," dated February 13, 2001.

The OSR has reviewed the requested information in the CHG response (Reference 1 and Enclosure 1) to the Inspection Follow-up Item Review Inspection Report, IR-00-006 (Reference 2). Based on the review, the OSR concluded that CHG's response is not acceptable. Because Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) has assumed responsibility for the WTP project, OSR has enclosed for your action, a discussion of the deficiencies in the CHG response (Enclosure 2). The OSR noted that the CHG response did not reflect the actions proposed by BNI and communicated in a meeting with OSR staff during the first week of the evaluation of BNI's capability to change the RPP-WTP authorization basis. Please provide OSR a supplemental response that addresses the deficiencies discussed in the Enclosure 2 within 30 days.

DOE places substantial importance on Contractor communications with the Department. It is essential that Contractors provide complete and accurate information pertaining to nuclear activities. This requirement is stated in 10 CFR 820.11, "Information Requirements." In addition, as described in the RPP-WTP Contract through reference to RL/REG-98-06, *Corrective Action Program Description*, this requirement is restated as "A fundamental regulatory expectation." The subject Finding identified a failure of the previous RPP-WTP Contractors to effectively track commitments communicated to the DOE. The OSR expects that BNI, as the new RPP-WTP Contractor, will take prompt and comprehensive actions to address this Finding in a manner that ensures corrective action commitments, including completion dates,

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are appropriately tracked and implemented. If changes to the commitments are needed, the changes should be formally communicated to the DOE in a timely manner.

Nothing in this letter should be construed as changing the Contract (DE-AC27-01RV14136). If you have any questions, please contact me or Pat Carier, OSR, on (509) 376-3574.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

1. CHG Letter CCN 018701C
2. OSR Summary

cc w/encl:
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